

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 1-20 are currently pending in the subject application. Claims 6-8, 14-15 and 17-20 have been withdrawn. Claims 21-22 have been added. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement of applicants' claim for foreign priority and receipt of a certified copy of the priority document.

Applicants further appreciate the Examiner's acceptance of the drawings filed on April 8, 2004.

A. Election of Species

In the Office action dated November 22, 2005, the Examiner placed a formal election of species requirement as follows:

First species of Figure 4;
Second species of Figure 5;
Third species of Figure 6;
Fourth species of Figure 7;
Fifth species of Figure 8; and
Sixth species of Figure 9.

Applicants hereby elect the fourth species, shown in FIG. 7. Claim 1 has been amended to be the only independent claim, and thus is clearly generic. It is respectfully submitted that claims 2-5, 10 and 16 are also generic, claims 9 and 21-22 are generic to the first and third to sixth species, and that claims 11-13 read on the fourth species. In the event a generic claim is found to be allowable, it is respectfully requested that all claims depending therefrom be rejoined.

B. Conclusion


If the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to expedite resolution of any outstanding issues.

Receipt of the initial Office action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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PETITION and
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT CHARGE AUTHORIZATION

This document and any concurrently filed papers are believed to be timely. Should any extension of the term be required, applicant hereby petitions the Director for such extension and requests that any applicable petition fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.

If fee payment is enclosed, this amount is believed to be correct. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.

Any additional fee(s) necessary to effect the proper and timely filing of the accompanying-papers may also be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.